

### Arlington National Cemetery

Across from the Memorial Bridge

Arlington, Virginia

**Metro Stop:** Arlington Cemetery



O

fficially designated a military cemetery June 15, 1864. Veterans 260,000

[Arlington National Cemetery](#)

Arlington Mansion and the cemetery grounds surrounding it that are now part of Arlington Cemetery were once owned by a relative of President George Washington, [Mary Anna Randolph Custis](#),

who in 1831 married then Lt. Robert E. Lee. The Lee's lived on the plantation for 30 years until Lee resigned his commission in the U.S. Army in 1861 rather than take up arms against his native state following Virginia's secession from the Union. Federal troops took over the estate not long after that and turned the home into the Army of the Potomac's headquarters.



[Arlington House](#) and the estate were confiscated in May 1864 and sold to the federal government when

Visitors tour the house [without a self-guiding tour](#) and [Passion Guides](#) are available to answer visitor's questions.



[The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) is located on the plaza of the [Memorial Amphitheater](#). The 3rd U.S. Infantry, known as [The Old Guard](#), performs the [changing of the guard](#) ceremony.

The most visited site in [Arlington Cemetery](#) is the grave site of [John F. Kennedy](#), the 35th President of the United States.

Other notables buried in Arlington include U.S. President and Supreme Court Justice Howard Taft, Civil War veteran and Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., boxing champion Joe Louis, and Pierre L'Enfant, who designed Washington, D.C.

The Visitors Center, near the cemetery's entrance, is open during normal cemetery hours. The Center provides historic information, grave-site locations, maps and brochures, and other information. Visitors can do a self-guided tour or take a [Tourmobile](#) tour bus that allow patrons unlimited reboarding for a single daily rate.

### Times of Operation

Arlington National Cemetery is open to the public 365 days of the year at 8:00 a.m. From April 1 to September 30 the cemetery closes at 7:00 p.m.; the other six months it closes at 5:00 p.m. Arlington House, located within the cemetery, is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Arlington House is closed December 25 and January 1.

### Arlington National Cemetery Links

- [Arlington National Cemetery Website](#)
- [Arlington Cemetery Visitor Information](#)
- [Monuments and Memorial in Arlington Cemetery](#)
- [Arlington House NPS Website](#)
- [Arlington House NPS In-Depth Website](#)
- [Virtual Tour of the Arlington House](#)
- [Tourmobile Information for Arlington Cemetery](#)

### Places of Interest Nearby □

- [Women in Military Service for America Memorial](#)
- [Arlington Memorial Bridge](#)
- [Old Guard Museum, Fort Myer](#)
- [Netherlands Carillon](#)
- [U.S. Marine Corp War Memorial](#)

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